

Drew County 2003 Health Care Access Survey

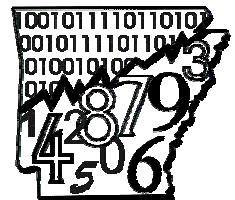


Behavioral Risk Factor Surveillance System



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What Is the Behavioral Risk Factor Surveillance System?

The BRFSS is the world's largest continuously conducted telephone survey. It covers issues surrounding chronic illness and premature mortality, as well as other health-related topics. All 50 states, Puerto Rico, Guam, and Washington D.C. participate. Drew County conducted the BRFSS survey in July and August 2001 as part of its Hometown Health Initiative.



What is the Drew County 2003 Health Care Access Survey?

- ✚ It is a survey developed by the ADH Center for Health Statistics – in conjunction with the Drew County HHI Coalition – using actual BRFSS questions and other non-BRFSS questions specifically designed to measure certain coverage and cost issues of interest to the Coalition.
- ✚ The Health Care Access Survey was administered according to the same protocol as other county-level BRFSS surveys.



How Did Drew County Conduct the Health Care Access Survey?

- # The Drew County HHI Coalition applied for and received a grant from the Arkansas Delta Rural Development Network (ADRDN) through the Mid-Delta Consortium.
- # The grant award of \$16,375 provided funding to pay for administering, analyzing and printing of the Health Care Access Survey.



How Did Drew County Conduct the Health Care Access Survey?

- ✦ In January 2003, 977 randomly selected adults answered the Drew County Health Care Access telephone survey.
- ✦ Of the 977 adults who were interviewed, 369 were men and 608 were women.
- ✦ Interviews were conducted and supervised by trained telephone research interviewers at the University of Arkansas at Little Rock's Institute of Government.



How Did Drew County Conduct the Health Care Access Survey?

- ✦ After data collection, the data were weighted to be representative of the sex and age distribution of Drew County.
- ✦ Weighting the data is **necessary** to ensure that findings from the sample data can be generalized to the population of all Drew County adults.



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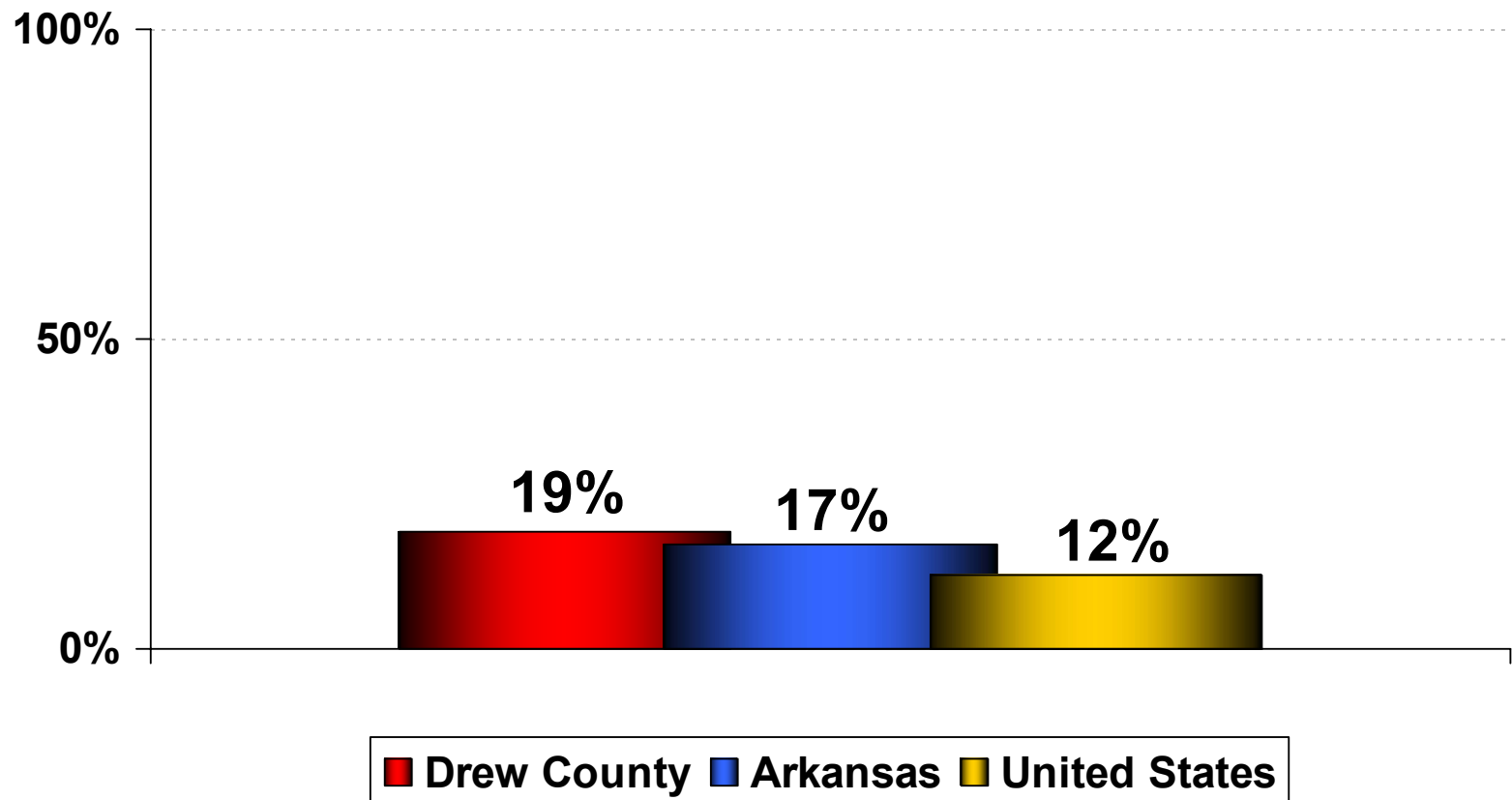
Findings:

Access to

Health Care



Do Not Have Health Insurance





The Uninsured: Drew County

- + Those without health insurance were asked to provide the main reason why they were without coverage and how long it had been since they had health insurance coverage.



The Uninsured: Drew County

- ✦ Forty-seven percent of those without coverage said they couldn't afford the premiums, while most others said they didn't have coverage because they either lost a job or changed employers (twenty-three percent), or because their current employer doesn't offer or stopped offering coverage (eleven percent).



The Uninsured: Drew County

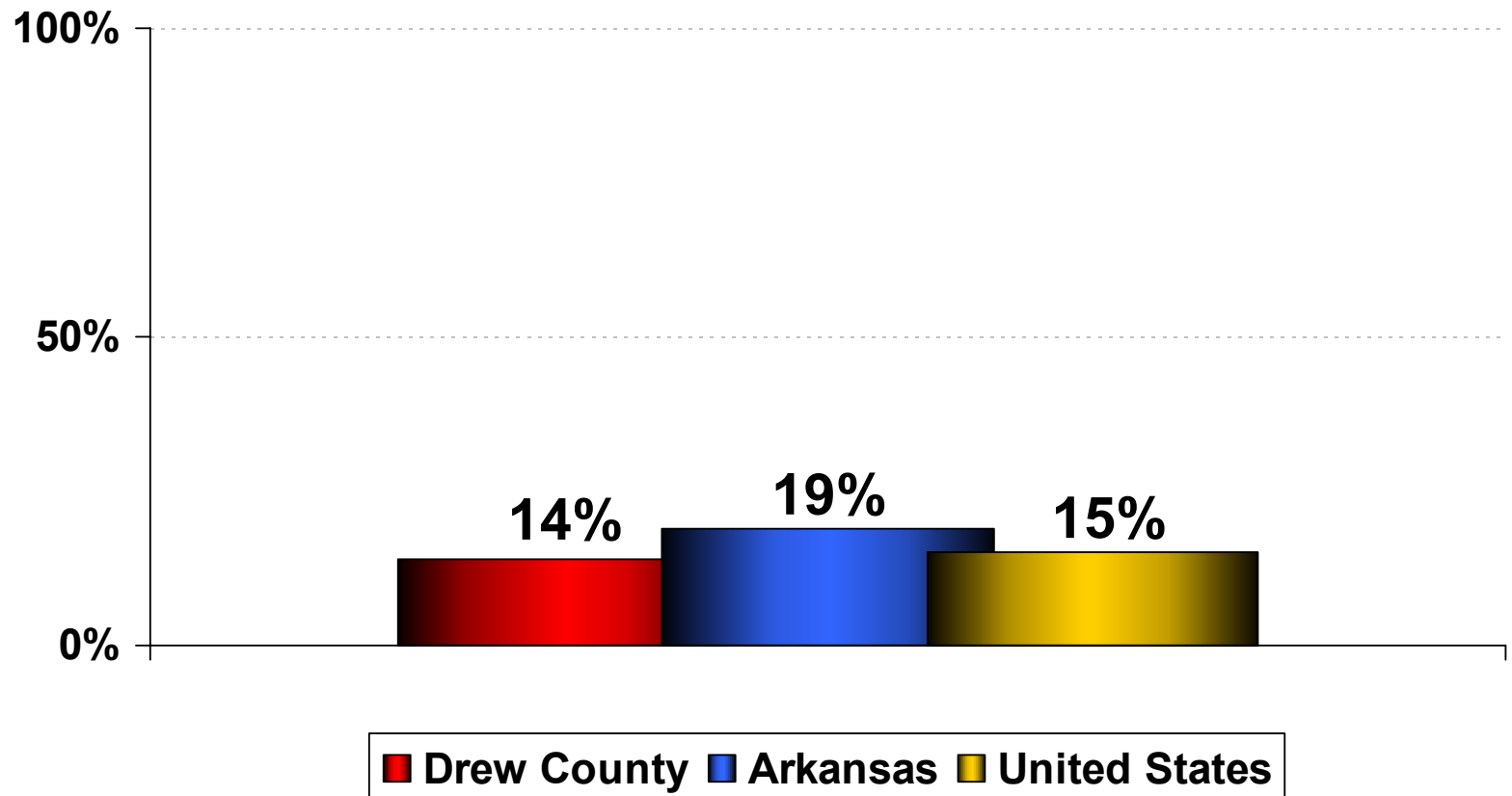
- ✦ Twenty-eight percent of the uninsured adults said they had been without health insurance coverage for at least five years. Eleven percent said they never had health insurance coverage.



Insured: No Coverage in Past 12 Months

- + Nine percent of insured Drew County adults said they did not have health insurance coverage at some point during the past year.
- + Most of these adults said their lapse in coverage was due to either losing a job or changing employers, or the inability to afford premiums.

Haven't Had Routine Checkup in Past 2 Years





Dental Insurance

- + Do you have dental coverage?

Fifty-four percent reported that they had no dental insurance.



Key Findings: Health Insurance Plan Benefits



Health Insurance Plan Benefits

- ✦ Respondents who reported having health insurance coverage were asked if their insurance covered vision care and prescription medications.



Health Insurance Plan Benefits

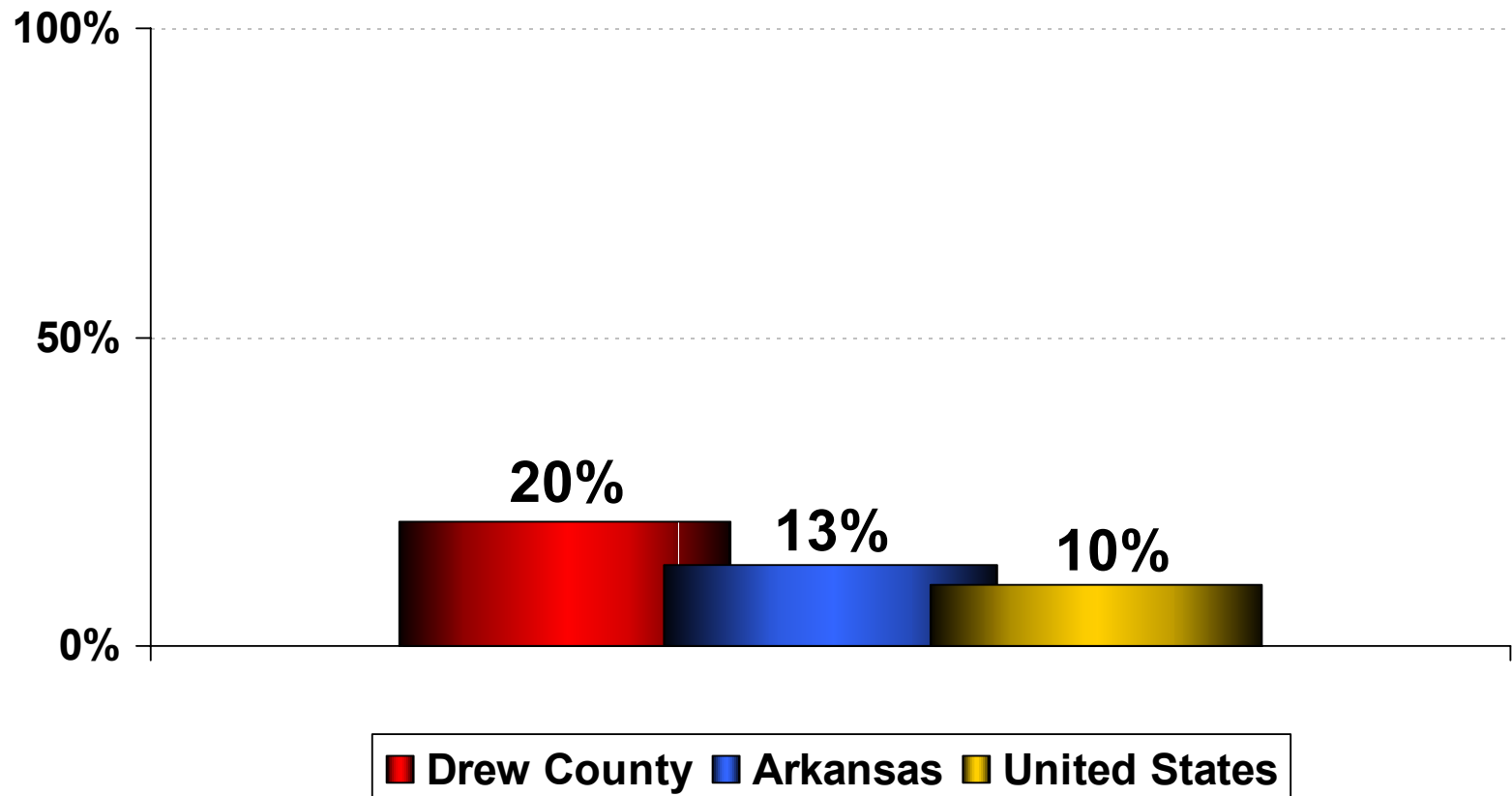
Among those with health insurance coverage:

- Fifty percent reported no vision care plan benefit
- Twenty percent reported no prescription drug plan benefit



Key Findings: Cost Barriers to Health Care Services

Couldn't See Dr. In Past Year Due to Cost





Prescription Medication Costs

- ✦ Twenty-two percent reported that during the past 12 months they were unable to get a prescription filled due to cost of the medication.
- ✦ Fifteen percent reported that they went without paying for utilities, rent, or groceries during the past 12 months to pay for their prescription medications.



Vision and Dental Care Costs

- ✦ Twenty-eight percent reported that they went without needed vision or dental care due to the cost of the care.

What Can Our Hometown Health Coalition Do to Make a Difference?



- ✦ Work with the results of your Health Care Access surveys to find out what kinds of programs or services are available to help improve access to health care services for members of your community.